* 39 more Mini Mission Pilot Projects (Districts) have been approved. Out of which preliminary works have started for 12 projects by August, 1987, and the remaining 27 will start by the end of December, 1987.

* 23 voluntary organisation have been selected for implementation of Technology Mission Programme.

* 80 Hydrogeographical maps have been prepared for 10 States *viz.*. Rajasthan, Gujarat, Maharashtra, Karnataka, Andhra Prtdesh and Tamil Nadu, Madhya Pradesh, Haryana, Sikkim, West Bengal. Similar maps for 23 Mini-Mission Districts will be ready by March, 1988 and for the other 27 Mini-Mission districts by March, 1989.

* Geophysical exploration works in 11 Mini Mission Pilot Project districts have been carried out.

* Geoelectric soundings 1113 carried out in 354 villages of Kurnool (247), and Mirzapur (107) Mini Mission Projects districts. Out of 419 sites recommended for drilling covering 280 villages drilling completed at 166 sites (Position as on 30-8-87).

* Design and construction of Ferro cement Tank construction have been developed.

* Water quality assessment carried out in 474 villages in 4 Mini Mission Pilot Project districts viz. Mirzapur (79), Aizawal (70), Bankura (170) and West Khasi Hills (155).

* 18 R.O. Plants for A.P. 13 E.D. plants for Rajasthan and 40 Plants for Gujarat have been approved under the sub-mission on control of brackishness.

* 2824 water quality testing kits developed by Defence Laboratory Jodhpur have been sanctioned to all States/UTs. This is as a part of the sub-mission on 'Source finding, water quality, quantity, monitoring and assessment, conservation of water and recharging of ground water' at a cost of about Rs. 1.13 crores.

* Out of 2.27 Lakhs residual problem villages to be covered during the Seventh Plan, 45243 villages (against target of 28177) were covered in 1985-86, 48350 villages (against 35930) were covered in 1986-87. The target for 1987-88 is to cover 50570 problem villages. On the basis of reports received for States/UTs, 22021 villages have been covered during April-September, 1987.

Revision of SC List in M.P.

791. SHRI AJIT P. K. JOGI: Will the Minister of WELFARE be pleased to state:

(a) whether Government have received any requests and representations for inclusion of certain castes in the list of Scheduled Castes under Article 341 of the Constitution from Madhya Pradesh;

(b) if so, what is Government's response thereto; and

(c) whether Government propose to revise the aforesaid list and, if so, what would be the basis for such revision?

THE MINISTER OF STATE OF THE MINISTRY OF WELFARE (DR. RAJENDRA KUMARI BAJPAI): (a) Yes, Sir.

(b) and (c) The above proposal alongwith similar other proposals is being considered in the context of the proposed comprehensive revision of the lists of Scheduled Castes and Scheduled Tribes. Further, amendment in the existing lists of Scheduled Castes and Scheduled Tribes can be done only through an Act of Parliament in view of Articles 341(2) and 342 (2) of the Constitution.

For the inclusion of any community in the list of Scheduled Castes and

Scheduled Tribes, the following criteria are followed:—

Scheduled Castes: Extreme social educational and economic backwardness arising out of the traditional practice of untouchability.

Scheduled Tribes: Dedications of primitive traits, distinctive culture. geographical isolation, shyness of contact with the community at large and backwardness.

ICAR Report for increasing production of Grains and Fodder

792. SHRI PARVATHANENI UPENDRA: Will the Minister of AGRICULTURE be pleased to state:

(a) whether the Indian Council of Agricultural Research has prepared a macro-level analytical report for increasing the production of grains and fodder during the Rabi season to compensate for the Kharif losses due to drought; and

(b) if so, the action taken by Government on the report?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE DEPARTMENT OF AGRICULTURE AND COOPERATION IN THE MINISTRY OF AGRICULTURE (SHRI YOGENDRA MAKWANA):

(a) Yes, Sir.

(b) The salient recommendations have been discussed with the Vice-Chancellors of Agricultural Universities to take suitable action for stablising and enhancing production in their respective areas. Copies of report have also been sent to Planning Commission and Department of Agriculture, Ministry of Agriculture for suitable action.

A special meeting of Governing Body of ICAR is being held on 18-11-1987 to discuss the future strategy in this regard.

Import of Foodgrains

793. SHRI VITHALRAO MADHAVRAO JADHAV:
DR. MOHD. HASHIM KIDWAI:

Will the Minister of FOOD AND CIVIL SUPPLIES be pleased to state:

(a) what is the total quantity of foodgrains required during the year 1987-88;

(b) what will be indigenous production; and

(c) how much foodgrain is expected to be imported from abroad?

THE MINISTER OF PARLIAMENTARY AFFAIRS AND THE MINISTER OF FOOD AND CIVIL SUPPLIES (SHRI H. K. L. BHAGAT): (a) As the demand for foodgrains in the country depends on various factors, such as population growth, extent of urbanisation, levels of income, prices of substitutable foodgrains etc., precise estimates of requirement of foodgrains in the country are not available.

(b) It is too early to indicate the likely size of foodgrains production during the crop year 1987-88.

(c) There are adequate stocks of foodgrains with the public agencies. However, the Government keeps open the option to import foodgrains as and when considered necessary.

Production of Foodgrains

794 SHRI VITHALRAO MADHAVRAO JADHAV: Will the Minister of AGRICULTURE be pleased to state:

(a) what are the prospects of foodgrains production in the year 1987-88 in the country;

(b) what will be the amount of deficit; and

(c) how Government propose to meet this deficit?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE DEPARTMENT OF AGRICULTURE AND COOPERATION IN THE